

ERCKENRIDGE NEWS.

LETTER FROM TEXAS.

Editor Breckenridge News:
CARTHAGE, PANAMA COUNTY, TEXAS, Feb. 3.—Thinking that a few news notes from eastern Texas might be of interest to some readers of your interesting paper, I venture a few lines concerning this town and country.

Panola county is one of the eastern border counties of Texas, and lies on both sides of the Sabine river. It has an area of 129 square miles, and there is about 150,000 acres. Most of the land here is susceptible of cultivation, and will produce good crops of corn, cotton, pease, potatoes, cane, sugar, grain, the various garden vegetables, and fruit moderately well. Crops yield from 25 to 40 bushels per acre, cotton from 1 to 1½ bushels, molasses about 200 gallons, sweet potatoes 100 to 200 bushels. The face of the country is rather level, and it is well timbered.

Two lines of railroad are being built in this direction, but neither has yet reached the county.

The principal towns are Carthage, Clayton, DeBerry, Beckville, Woods, and several smaller villages.

Carthage, the county seat, has four business houses, including one drug store and a saloon. There is also a hotel, livery stable, blacksmith shop, tin shop, and a weekly 8-column newspaper, "The Panola Watchman." It is under the management of a strong firm, Messrs. Boren, Caswell & Bunn. Judge T. E. Boren, the business manager, is county judge, and has been for several years. O. P. Carswell, the editor, is a scholarly gentleman, recently from Kentucky. The remaining member of the firm, S. M. Barnes, is the present representative of the county in the legislature.

The leading religious denominations here are the Baptists and Methodists, and both have good church buildings.

The Carthage High School, under the superintendence of Prof. Cox, late of Alton, has two able assistants in a fine teaching condition, there being over one hundred pupils in attendance.

The town is afflicted with five or six lawyers and three doctors. J. G. Hazlewood, the leading lawyer, is a native of Kentucky, and he does honor to the state of his nativity, too. Two of the doctors are graduates of the Louisville University.

There are two daily mails to Carthage, one a stage line from Marshall, besides regular weekly and tri-weekly lines.

Our public school system gives each school community from four to six months free school. There are over one hundred graded school communities in the county. Wild lands here vary in price from \$1 to \$5 per acre. Improved land 20 to 50 per cent higher.

We want good, sober, industrious immigrants to come here, and we will lend them a helping hand if they want assistance.

The BRECKENRIDGE News is a welcome visitor to me here, and I wish for it a long and prosperous existence. J. E. WALLACE.

BIG SPRING.

It has been our long and earnest desire to secure you a good correspondent or one who would even lend a helping hand, to give Big Spring a breeze through your columns occasionally but in vain. Of course they say "I can't," and these wordswrights did fall on us almost as a crushing weight. But, however, we still re-tire to the shades of our wanted clergymen, but in a plain, blunt way, cast off our swaddling clothes, put on a Master's halo, hang our front hair to the front in a most dignified manner, and say "All right; we can do the work." For we live in an age of light and knowledge an age in which science and the arts are marching onward with gigantic strides. We live, too, in a land of liberty—a land on which the smiles of heaven beam with uncommon radiance. Go on, then, with a laudable ambition and no unyielding perseverance in the path which leads to honor and renown. Press forward. Go and gather laurels on the hills of science, linger among her unfading beauties, drink deep of her crystal fountains, and then join the march of fame, home learned and vicious, and then—Amen!

The school at this place, under the supervision of Prof. Dick Willett, closed last Friday week. Mr. Willett has given universal satisfaction, and also took up a subscription school on the following Monday.

The heavy rainfall of the last few days has been intense, and the mud hereabouts is—well, we suppose about knee deep to an elephant. The mail has been cut off from this place to Vine Grove, and business almost suspended.

The hop was another most delightful event. The hall was filled almost to overflowing with merriment and festivity. Your correspondent did not go only on Friday night, and to say we had a joyous time does not half tell it. The belles and beau's of the town were present, and the pleasure of the evening was enhanced by the presence of several charming young ladies from abroad. Oh, my!

Only a smile from the robed lips
Of a prima little matron like;
Only a touch of her finger tips,
And he was a love sick boy!

The weather acts as if it were out late at night. It should turn over a new leaf, and rain.

Miss Fannie Keith, of your city, and Miss Eliza McCormick, of the Hardingsburg neighborhood, are visiting Mr. Ed. Mooreman and family.

A. A. Scott has in readiness for shipment two bbls. of fine barley that he is expecting fancy prices for.

Mrs. Osborne, of Meade county, is visiting Miss Lula Osborne.

It is reported here that small pox is raging at Bewleyville. We would like to know as to the truth of this statement. [It is not true.—Ed. News.]

JORDAN JONES.

BEWLEYVILLE.

It has not rained for forty-eight hours. Bewleyville has had a mail famine for the past week.

Mr. Davis Johnson, formerly of Rosetta,

has purchased the blacksmith shop lately owned by Frank Morton, and has moved to Bewleyville with the intention of carrying on a general blacksmithing business.

Our old friend, Geo. Paul, has employed his son to work for him the ensuing year.

Squire Dowell held his court on Thursday last. No case of much importance.

We are almost shut off from all communications at this place. So much mud it is almost impossible to reach either Muldraugh or Brandenburg.

Miss Maggie Albright, of Rock Haven, is attending school at this place.

Considerable damage has been done to corn that was in the shock by the late rains.

H. W. Washington, late of Brandenburg, and now traveling to Stix & Co., of Cincinnati, spent Monday and Tuesday here, selling goods and visiting friends.

At the final examination of the school the following students received honors:

SECOND SPELLING, Alfred Payne, Mary Paul, FIRST SPELLING CLASS.

Blanche Jolly, Willis Drury, FOURTH READER.

Mary Paul, SIXTH READER.

Roy Cain, THIRD GEOGRAPHY.

Alfred Payne, FIRST GEOGRAPHY.

Blanche Jolly, Maggie Paul, THIRD GRAMMAR.

Blanche Jolly, Maggie Paul, SECOND GRAMMAR.

Hunter Harshaw, Rufus Cain, FIRST GRAMMAR.

Legion Hardaway, Willis Drury, HISTORY.

Legion Hardaway, Frank Hardaway, RHETORIC.

Willa Drury, HISTORY.

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